

Stop short of threats

County officials grumble over transit plan

The SEMTA board may have thought it reached a compromise last week on a Woodward Avenue rapid transit line.

But Oakland County reaction was against SEMTA's preference for an underground light rail line from downtown to Grand Boulevard, an elevated line from the Boulevard to McNichols and surface rail to Eight Mile.

Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy, the county board of commissioners and the road commission all said no.

MURPHY said even before the vote, "I do not see the need nor justification of the inclusion of the proposed subway."

The county board split along almost geographic lines when it voted 18-6 Thursday to ask SEMTA to reconsider its decision. Subway was the issue.

Opposed to asking for reconsideration were six Democrats — Larry Pernick of Southfield, four commissioners from the Royal Oak area and one from

Pontiac. (Commissioner Alex Perinoff, D-Southfield, was absent.)

Another resolution asked Murphy to study the feasibility of Oakland's operating its own transit system. The vote was 21-5 with the same general breakdown.

The Oakland board stopped short, however, of threatening to withdraw from SEMTA, as it has threatened in the past. This was due in part to the efforts of Joseph P. Bianco Jr., Bloomfield Hills, a director since the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority was formed in 1967. Bianco attended the county board meeting to head off withdrawal talk.

Bianco's term expires this year. He faces a challenge from David Shepherd, mayor of Oak Park and chairman of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

OAKLAND'S three SEMTA board members were under considerable pressure to oppose any subway in

Detroit.

All three voted against a Woodward alternative preferred by Detroit and Highland Park — a subway from downtown to McNichols. On the final vote to select the part-subway, part-elevated rail line, Bianco and Henry M. Hogan Jr. of Bloomfield Township were opposed, and R.J. Alexander of Bloomfield Township was in favor of the compromise.

Meanwhile, the Oakland County Road Commission published what it called a "scientific survey" showing 58 percent of voting age residents in the county opposed a "subway along Woodward Avenue in Detroit." The question didn't distinguish between a downtown subway, partial downtown and outlying subway or total subway from downtown to McNichols. Another 37 percent said a subway should "definitely" or "possibly" be included in the regional transit plan.

THE WOODWARD light rail line

would cost about half the \$1.4 billion SEMTA plans to invest in its 1990 transit plan. The other half would go for standard bus, express bus and dial-a-ride bus service throughout the region.

Although the plan calls for three different levels of rail service — below ground, above ground and at grade — passengers would ride the same vehicle the entire length and would not need to transfer.

The Michigan Legislature will be asked by Gov. William G. Milliken to come up with \$200 million or more of the "local" capital cost.

But voters in the region will have to come up with operating funds. Ironically, operating subsidies are expected to be \$77 million a year, no matter whether SEMTA uses all-subway, partial subway or no subway on the Woodward corridor.

Thus, the subway question will come before the legislature, but not before southeast Michigan voters.



Joseph P. Bianco Jr., SEMTA board member from Oakland County, argued unsuccessfully for a totally surface-rail line along Woodward. (Staff photo)

Senate spurns income limit

Here's how area Members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes March 22 through 28.

HOUSE

TRIVOLIOUS RESEARCH? The House voted, 219 for and 174 against, to cut \$14 million (from \$172 million to \$158 million) from the National Science Foundation (NSF) budget for biological, behavioral and social science research. The vote came during debate on HR 2720, the NSF fiscal 1980 authorization bill, later passed and sent to the Senate.

Rep. John Ashbrook, R-Ohio, the sponsor, asked: "When we are talking about \$30,000 spent for finding somebody who is violating our air space, or \$83,000 for studying homosexual couple formation, or \$80,000 for a study of the legal profession, does (anybody) honestly believe we can put those grants and studies in the same category as Dr. Jonas Salk?"

Rep. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, an opponent, said the House should remember that silly-sounding research projects occasionally produce breakthroughs of great benefit to mankind. "We have this responsibility in this body . . . to not take titles that may sound to us to be ridiculous and inflame the passions of our constituents."

Members voting "yea" favored the budget cut.

Rep. William Broomfield, D-Bloomfield Twp., voted "yea."

Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, David Bonior, D-Mount Clemens, William Brodhead, D-Detroit, and James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge, voted "nay."

Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor, did not vote.

UP IN ARMS—The House passed, 296 for and 100 against, a bill (HR 2774) authorizing

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a two-year, \$40 million budget for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the agency that coordinates U.S. weapons-control policy and participates in such international deliberations as the SALT talks.

Broomfield, a supporter, said that even though the agency budget is up over previous years, its approval by the House "is important to our national and international security."

Rep. Marjorie Holt, R-Md., an opponent, objected to a \$400,000 item to pay for "public education" in colleges and other organizations. "This is the year in which we should be appropriating funds only for pressing needs . . . not appropriating tax dollars for new programs with vaguely defined purposes," she said.

Members voting "yea" favored the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency budget.

Pursell, Bonior, Ford, Brodhead, Blanchard and Broomfield voted "yea."

SST REVISITED—The House rejected, 137 for and 246 against, an amendment to cut \$22.7 million for supersonic transport (SST) research from the \$4.76 billion National Aeronautics and Space Administration budget for fiscal 1980. The budget was later approved when the House passed HR 1786 and sent it to the Senate. Although Congress in 1971 terminated the program to develop a commercial SST, it has kept the venture barely alive by appropriating \$85 million for SST research over the past eight years. The \$22.7 million in dispute here was another of the little-noticed SST outlays.

Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., the sponsor,

urged his colleagues to "strike a blow for fighting inflation, for balancing the budget, for bringing to a halt a program which we thought . . . we had halted some eight or nine years ago . . ."

Rep. Don Fuqua, D-Fla., said the bill has no money "to commit this country to build an SST. We are only trying to study ways by which, should that decision ever be made, we would have the best technology available at that time."

Members voting "nay" wanted to keep the SST program alive at a subsistence level.

Pursell, Bonior, Ford, Brodhead and Blanchard voted "yea."

Broomfield voted "nay."

SENATE
OUTSIDE INCOME—The Senate defeated, 44 for and 54 against, a motion to hold senators to the \$8,625 limit on outside earned income they had agreed to in 1977. The limit, intended to prevent conflicts of interest, is thus delayed until at least 1983. It applies to salaries from outside jobs, speaking fees and honorariums.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., a supporter of the tighter limit, said: "A senator should not appear to be using his office for his own personal financial gain and take undue time away from his job, even though his speeches and public appearances may serve a public good."

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, an opponent, said: "I think it is unreasonable to tell a member of a profession or business that if he runs for the Senate, he must come here with the knowledge that he has to cease doing anything while the Senate is in session that would lead to a gross income from that business in excess of \$8,625."

Senators voting "nay" were opposed to the \$8,625 limit on outside income.

Sens. Donald Riegle, D., and Carl Levin, D., voted "yea."

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